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## **Recovery Act Funds At Work at Barr Lake State Park**

DENVER – A group of young adults started eight weeks of work this week at Barr Lake State Park to receive valuable employment experience plus a salary. thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The eight person crew, ages 14 to 24, started work Monday at the park in Brighton, removing invasive weeds, painting fences, helping staff inspect boats for aquatic nuisance species (ANS) and greeting visitors at the park gate. The workers were recruited by the Adams County Workforce and Business Center Youth Program and will be paid through a \$16,013 grant from the Recovery Act.

These young adults are among about 3,000 across Colorado who will get summer jobs through County Workforce centers, paid for by the Recovery Act.

“The Recovery Act grant will help Barr Lake State Park protect natural resources, prevent the spread of zebra mussels, and complete other projects that will enhance the public’s enjoyment of the park,” said park manager Michelle Seubert. “It’s a birthday gift that we and our visitors will appreciate for a long time.”

The projects at Barr Lake, which it celebrating its 39<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2009, will provide job readiness opportunities through the paid work experience.

Throughout 2009, Colorado State Parks is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a leader in providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, protecting the state’s favorite landscapes, teaching generations about nature and partnering with communities.

Attracting more than 11 million visitors per year, Colorado's 42 State Parks are a vital cornerstone of Colorado's economy and quality of life. Colorado State Parks encompass 242,531 land and water acres, offering some of the best outdoor recreation destinations in the state. Colorado State Parks also manage more than 4,000 campsites, and 57 cabins and yurts. For more information on Colorado State Parks or to purchase an annual pass online, visit [www.colorado.gov/parks](http://www.colorado.gov/parks)

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